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Making plans for an invasion from the capital and there's talk of war

MIKE PETTY AND JAMES MILNER LOOK THROUGH THE CAMBRIDGE NEWS ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST

Fishing at the Royal Oak at Stretham – but the fish weren't biting in 1964

Sport fishing 'patchy' after dredging operations – 1964

CATCHES during the past few days have been as variable as the temperature.

On the Baitsbite to Clayhithe stretch of the Cam, sport has been patchy: some anglers have had plenty of small stuff, others have had little.

No large fish have been caught and some of a party of about 20 did not get a fish.

The Willingham-Earith road stretch of the Old West has recovered from the effects of the recent dredging operations and is now fishing quite well. Fair sized roach and some bream have been the main catches.

Stretham Bridge has been yielding plenty of small stuff but nothing outstanding. The best pike was one of 8½lbs.

Weed cutting has made conditions difficult on the Littleport stretch of the Ouse but the weeds are now clearing and prospects are good. Nets from 10 to 14lbs have been reported.

Pike have been feeding well in the Great Ouse relief channel with fish to 10lbs taken on spinners.

Five thousand Londoners will settle in Sawston – 1953

LONDON County Council proposes to settle 5,000 Londoners in Sawston, parish councillors were told.

They would be a cross-section of the community and their employment would be arranged in various light industries that would be established.

There was certain to be further industrial development in the village over the next 20 years and it would be better if the development could be orderly.

The proposals would be bound to cause some dislocation in their life but, if the national interest demanded the growth of Sawston, it was the duty of the parish council to press for the development of amenities.

A tank in Linton High Street

Newnham student dies after colliding with tank – 1945

A NEWNHAM College student was killed in a collision with an army tank.

An inquest was told a convoy of tanks was processing from Newnham Road into Queens Road.

Three of the tanks managed to pass before the traffic lights changed. The fourth accelerated when the lights turned amber but, when it reached the level where it should have stopped, the lights turned red.

It was the practice for convoys to obey the instruction of despatch riders irrespective of traffic lights.

The cyclist came from Sidgwick Avenue and passed in front of the tank which pulled up amazingly quickly.

The Churchill tank was built as a weapon of war and not for driving in the streets. It was wide, cumbersome and heavy.

The visibility of the driver was very limited and the authorities have found it necessary when on the road to have on the top of the tower an extra soldier as a pair of eyes for the driver.

The driver was found not guilty but the look-out was fined on the offence of procuring dangerous driving.

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